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RACIST POLICE VIOLENCE?

The Ohio 7 are charged with:

19 ARMED ATTACKS ON US MILITARY, CORPORATE, & JUDICIAL TARGETS

RESISTANCE IS NOT A CRIME!



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SEDITIONOUS CONSPIRACY: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

**The US Government Wants to Silence & Imprison People
Who Demand an End to Criminal US Foreign Policies and
FIGHT FOR CHANGE AT HOME.**

THE SEDITION COMMITTEE plans to use the trial of the OHIO 7 to publicize the history and politics of the Resistance Movement in the USA. We will subvert the government's effort to criminalize the OHIO 7 by sharing information about their lives and struggle. Individually and as a group they worked in the veterans' movement against the Vietnam war, in the prisoners' support movement, to organize women's health and childcare services, and in anti-apartheid and community fund-raising. They are a part of the clandestine movement in the USA.

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THE GOVERNMENT CALLS IT CONSPIRACY -- WE CALL IT RESISTANCE

In the Springfield, Mass Federal Courthouse, three women and four men will be tried for seditious conspiracy and two counts of RICO (facing a possible 60 years each!). RICO is a law designed to attack organized crime. Recently the government has begun using it against progressive political movements in an attempt to criminalize resistance to U.S. policies. Historically the government has used sedition against the anti-slavery abolitionists, the IWW and early labor movement and against the left during the McCarthy era in the '50's. This particular sedition statute has only been used a handful of times against the Puerto Rican Independence Movement. The indictment charges these folks with conspiring to overthrow, put down, oppose by force and hinder and delay the execution of laws of the U.S. You do not have to actually do anything besides talk/agree, to be found guilty of this extremely broad conspiracy law. It is very possible that the government is using this case to see if these kinds of charges can be easily used against all kinds of progressive movements.

The people on trial are called the OHIO 7, because five of them were captured in that state. They are North American anti-imperialists who believe armed resistance is one of the necessary responses to apartheid, racism, sexism, the massacres of Native Peoples and capitalist backed wars.

The OHIO 7 have worked to expose the combined corporate and military network of the U.S. that has been and is the source of most of the rampant violence, repression and economic terrorism throughout the world since Germany's Third Reich. These people are a key target of the U.S. government because they have a clear understanding of its policies and the necessity of developing underground resistance as part of the overall opposition to these policies.

The Ohio 7 have already been tried for 11 actions of the United Freedom Front in the N.Y.C. area between '82 and '84, against targets such as the South African government agency responsible for import/export trade with U.S. corporations. IBM computers and GM trucks fueled with SHELL and MOBIL oil are used by the South African police and military to conduct surveillance operations and detain, torture and kill Black South Africans. Also U.S. military and corporate institutions that support and supply the ILLEGAL colonization of Puerto Rico, the right wing dictatorship in El Salvador and the murderous contra attacks against the People of Nicaragua. In this trial the 7 will be retried for all these actions as well as 8 others carried out against similar facilities by the Sam Melville-Jonathan Jackson Unit, in New England from '76 to '79.

The U.S. government attempts to criminalize the OHIO 7 while continually financing domestic and international terrorism. Massive police power in collusion with corporate interests constantly tries to destroy progressive and revolutionary movements. The FBI-directed Joint Terrorist Task Force, the Secret Police of Chile, the Death Squads of Guatemala, the Apartheid Police of South Africa and the racist Police Departments of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles..., are all connected - by U.S. government support.

Learn more about this important case. The Ohio 7 need and want your communication and support. Write to the Ohio 7, Raymond Luc Levasseur, Pat Gros Levasseur, Carol Manning, Tom Manning, Richard Williams, Jaan Laaman and Barbara Curzi Laaman at FDC Hartford, P.O. Box 178, Hartford CT 06101.